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Darling Frances:-

Your letters of the 10, 11, & 12 & postal card all received to-day. I was surprised to read that you don't receive my mail regularly, but I suppose you know that it is the delay in the mail that keeps you from getting my mail regularly.

Yes, Toots, it seems that nearly every woman that resembles you in figure looks to me as my Frances. You see, dear, I am always thinking of you, dreaming of you and talking about you. There are days that I feel so peculiar. I walk around like in a trance. I feel like squeezing you, kissing you & no more than I feel like so doing, I remind myself you are not here, so I get a disappointed feeling over me that I can hardly resist. Believe me, darling mine, when I get home, I'll make up for lost time. Again, I simply cannot get along without those dog-gone blues. You see, I get so lonesome, it bound to come. Of course, I'll try & obey you, and try & stop them from coming on.

I am wearing my glasses more regularly now than I did, but I just can't

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wear them continuously. I can't bear the sight of them. I sure do hope I can get rid of them sometime. I take nice long walks & I feel sure they are doing me a lot of good. At least, when I walk alone, nobody to bother me, I begin thinking of everything. As you know, no doubt, I am not ~~famed~~ fond of gambling, so I don't hang around pool & dance halls, but once in a while, I play a little game of pool or billiards, just for the sake of pastime. Toots, darling, I'll never wear a green eye shade, so that settles it on that score. I am reading quite a good deal of late, but not during the nights, but, where I have to, I do.

I am glad that your sister is much easier after Prof. Lanzia's visit, but I'll be dog-goned if I can understand this. When the doc called & gave her the same medicine you gave her, she felt better, but when you gave it to her, she felt just as bad. Can you ~~all~~ explain it to me, please. I am having the same trouble with my Uncle. Just because I am a kin of his, he wants to tell me how to try a case.

Well, Toots, so you attended a Slider. I am sure you enjoyed yourself, but for me, dear, I can assure you, I felt pretty blue. Sweetheart mine, you may rest assured that if I can teach you anything, I'll do so, but

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I believe your mother can teach you all that is necessary for a woman to know in preparing a Seder. Yes, my little "Shifer", we will be happy on some Passover to come, won't we, honey? You are not stupid & you must understand. I'm not & know I'll never have cause to be ashamed of you, my future wife.

As for the war situation, all I can say is that any day I expect a letter from the War Department at Washington, ordering me to report. I expect it to come within 45 days. I said this to myself, if I get the money from that case of my uncle's in time I'll probably be home with you before the time I ~~expected~~ planned. That is, if I possibly can leave without it interfering with the case. I'll try my best to come home before I go to war.

Well, darling, how did you enjoy yourself at my mother's? How did you find things in general? I don't know what to say about Rose. She doesn't like the work in pharmacy, it seems. I sure do hope things will turn out O.K. for her. She sure did work hard & is a hard-working kid & I don't like the way the store is working her so hard. She wrote to me about her "promotion", but they are practically overworking her.

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Did you enjoy that little tea party at Osborn Hall? How is the head nurse treating you. I sincerely hope you are enjoying your position at the hospital. Who ~~dg~~ planted the seed yet for you? Oh! sweetheart, mine. I wish the time came when I'll be planting seeds for you in our little back yard. Flowers just for you, your own sweet self. Then we will raise a few little vegetable plants & have some chickens, eh, Lots, mine? Don't you wish the time came already. It will be ours, all ours, you & I, enjoying the sweetest that life holds for any man & woman

I didn't, as yet, write what happened at the meeting of creditors. Well, they had my uncle on the stand answering questions for one & a half (1½ hours) at a go, & they couldn't twist him, try as they might. He, my uncle, got me kind of sore, tho. He wanted me to raise objections, where I couldn't possibly do it, to questions that were very ~~real~~ material. I just told him to shut up & do as I say. At last, we got through with the meeting. We fixed the sale for the 19th instead of the 22nd, so you see I'll probably get some money by the time the 22nd comes around. I expect, tho, that

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that the creditors are going to put up a stiff fight on the second meeting. I don't, Toots, as I'll be ~~there~~ with them wherever & whenever they start anything.

Now darling, you frightened me in your letter when you said you didn't love me any more. Who you, now, after your sister fell, gave you the 2 letters? I hopes, sweetheart, 'cause I'm lonesome & hungry for you & 'cause I love you love you with all my heart.

I shall close now, darling mine, with all the love of my yearning heart,

Yours yours only,

Loving

Joe